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**QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.****No. 18.—DECEMBER QUARTER, 1939.**

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Quarter ended 31st December, 1939.

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## 1.—POPULATION AND MIGRATION.

Period.	Population at end of period.			Natural Increase	Migration—Increase + Decrease —		
	Males.	Females	Total.		Oversea.	Inter- state.	Total.
Year ended—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
31st December, 1931	289,397	287,682	577,079	4,191	—607	— 972	—1,579
1932	290,254	289,039	579,293	3,564	—363	— 987	—1,350
1933	291,722	290,955	582,677	3,996	+ 7	— 619	— 612
1934	292,519	291,775	584,294	3,056	— 32	—1,407	—1,439
1935	293,650	292,793	586,443	3,107	—131	— 827	— 958
1936	294,807	294,505	589,312	3,447	+242	— 820	— 578
1937	295,611	295,590	591,201	3,738	— 7	—1,842	—1,849
1938	297,549	297,560	595,109	3,871	+346	— 309	+ 37
March Quarter, 1938	295,986	295,769	591,755	1,053	—116	— 383	— 499
1939	297,687	297,689	595,376	1,097	+ 2	— 832	— 830
June Quarter, 1938	296,156	296,136	592,292	1,022	— 72	— 413	— 485
1939	297,890	297,880	595,770	1,072	— 91	— 587	— 678
Sept. Quarter, 1938	296,621	296,638	593,259	748	+ 54	+ 165	+ 219
1939	298,528	298,585	597,113	797	+235	+ 311	+ 546

Metropolitan Population, 31st December, 1939, 322,988, or 54 per cent. of State.

## 2.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

Period.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Infantile Deaths.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year, 1931.....	9,079	4,888	3,069	330
1932.....	8,521	4,957	3,636	312
1933.....	8,900	4,904	3,973	286
1934.....	8,459	5,403	4,310	301
1935.....	8,270	5,163	4,845	289
1936.....	8,911	5,464	5,182	277
1937.....	8,985	5,247	5,340	297
1938.....	9,410	5,539	5,489	287
1939.....	9,619	5,739	5,670	335
October, 1938 .....	773	439	490	19
1939 .....	778	447	495	24
November, 1938 .....	842	461	392	20
1939 .....	759	464	473	26
December, 1938 .....	723	390	624	12
1939 .....	694	405	723	28
December Quarter, 1938 .....	2,338	1,290	1,506	51
1939 .....	2,231	1,316	1,691	78

### 3.—RAINFALL.

Period.	Over Agricultural Areas, 1939.							State 34 Years' Mean.	Adelaide.	
	Central.	Lower North	Upper North	South- East.	Wes- tern.	Murray Mallee.	State.		1939.	100 Years' Mean.
	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.
January .....	1.33	.50	.47	1.55	.85	.58	.88	.52	1.30	.74
February .....	2.31	2.78	2.58	1.10	.32	2.06	1.50	.73	1.74	.74
March .....	.69	.36	1.03	.46	1.30	.15	.81	.72	1.29	1.01
April .....	1.47	.64	.98	3.05	.47	.79	1.07	.93	2.15	1.75
May .....	1.56	1.13	1.11	1.69	1.01	1.23	1.23	1.74	1.91	2.72
June .....	3.39	2.25	2.83	4.17	2.38	1.35	2.65	2.07	4.25	3.05
July .....	1.84	1.51	1.46	1.10	2.13	.90	1.63	1.92	1.80	2.62
August .....	3.86	3.74	1.70	4.78	3.21	1.96	3.20	1.98	3.13	2.55
September ....	.70	.74	.25	1.82	.28	.48	.61	1.67	.88	2.07
October .....	1.09	.70	.28	1.89	.82	.60	.89	1.29	.98	1.72
November ....	3.18	2.67	1.97	2.43	1.97	2.42	2.34	.90	3.58	1.14
December ....	.31	.13	.06	.75	.13	.15	.23	.81	.28	1.03
	April to November.								Jan.-Dec.	
1939.....	17.09	13.38	10.58	20.93	12.27	9.73	13.62	—	23.29	21.15
1938.....	12.45	9.90	6.93	15.06	9.82	7.40	10.17	—	19.26	—
Mean, 34 years.	15.88	12.12	8.74	19.26	10.97	10.29	12.50	12.50	—	—

### 4.—EMPLOYMENT—MONTHLY INDEX FIGURES.

(Base July, 1933 = 100.)

	October.			November.			December.		
	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1939.
State Government (a)	110	114	117	112	115	116	111	115	116
Commonwealth									
Government ... (a)	118	128	135	113	132	141	121	133	146
Local Government (a)	113	108	121	118	110	123	111	115	138
Public Bodies ... (a)	115	114	121	111	114	123	110	111	114
Banks .....	108	111	114	108	111	114	109	111	114
Life Assurance ... (a)	124	128	126	124	128	126	124	128	127
General Insurance (b)	115	123	134	117	123	134	116	124	134
Retailers .....	113	113	109	115	116	111	129	124	127
Merchants (Wool,									
Wheat, etc.) ... (b)	143	163	144	151	165	162	134	147	169
Factories .....	153	155	154	156	154	156	158	156	159

(a) Complete. (b) Returns received from representative firms only.

## 5.—UNEMPLOYMENT AND FACTORIES EMPLOYMENT.

Particulars.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent. ....	28.3	22.0	13.6	9.4	7.3	9.4
Labour Exchange Registrations end June .....No.	16,559	13,111	10,970	8,033	7,739	8,574
Employment in Factories Index No. (a) .....	91	104	120	127	138	133
	October.		November.		December.	
	1938.	1939.	1938.	1939.	1938.	1939.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent. ....	—	—	8.8	9.1	—	—
Labour Exchange Registrations end month .....No.	7,143	7,857	6,977	6,915	6,589	5,619
Employment in Factories, Index No. (a) .....	132	131	134	132	133	135

(a) Base, 1929-30 = 100.

## 6.—STATE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Period.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Land and Income Tax.	Other Taxation.	Railways.	Total (including Other).	Public Debt (a)	Railways (b)	Unemployed Relief.	Total (including Other).
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Year, 1931-32 .....	1,919	1,157	2,760	10,482	5,439	2,061	853	11,545
1932-33 .....	1,561	1,172	2,771	10,161	5,346	2,023	632	11,170
1933-34 .....	1,648	1,261	2,609	10,188	5,203	2,065	542	11,032
1934-35 .....	1,825	1,399	2,649	11,002	4,982	2,147	490	10,965
1935-36 .....	1,789	1,415	2,851	11,409	4,934	2,324	415	11,260
1936-37 .....	1,978	1,563	3,000	11,739	4,976	2,471	375	11,600
1937-38 .....	2,358	1,564	3,293	12,461	5,061	2,765	319	12,334
1938-39 .....	2,424	1,692	3,165	12,304	5,096	2,851	304	12,701
October, 1938 .....	71	114	285	881	364	225	24	1,066
1939 .....	73	106	259	853	370	219	36	1,010
November, 1938 .....	71	111	251	904	376	228	24	997
1939 .....	68	121	264	923	375	233	28	1,076
December, 1938 .....	74	135	302	998	455	234	22	1,107
1939 .....	86	115	305	981	495	240	28	1,165
December Quarter, 1938 .....	216	360	838	2,783	1,195	687	70	3,170
1939 .....	227	342	828	2,757	1,240	692	92	3,251
July-December, 1938 .....	432	700	1,623	5,170	2,524	1,359	142	6,165
1939 .....	428	632	1,534	4,967	2,603	1,347	179	6,394

(a) Interest, Exchange and Sinking Fund.

(b) Includes Pensions for annual figures, but not for monthly and quarterly.



## 7.—PUBLIC DEBT—STATE.

Date.	Public Debt.	Trust Funds, Bank Balances, etc.	Total Indebtedness.	Per Head.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
30th June, 1932.....	101,599,232	1,519,244	103,118,476	178 7 9
1933.....	103,707,332	1,378,540	105,085,872	180 17 9
1934.....	105,419,280	1,262,812	106,682,092	182 18 1
1935.....	105,349,536	1,008,703	106,358,239	181 17 4
1936.....	105,698,481	1,833,739	107,532,220	183 2 0
1937.....	106,594,164	2,131,201	108,725,365	184 13 11
1938.....	107,450,640	1,944,607	109,395,247	184 14 0
1939.....	108,887,092	1,420,158	110,307,250	185 3 0
31st Dec., 1938.....	108,485,974	1,628,604	110,114,578	185 0 8
1939.....	110,169,100	997,964	111,167,064	186 3 6

NOTE.—During the year ended 30th June, 1935, the amount of £804,988 was written off the Public Debt, being portion of Soldier Settlement Debt taken over by the Commonwealth.

## 8. TRADING BANKS (ex. State and Commonwealth Banks).

Period.	Deposits.					Advances. £	Advances to Deposits. %
	Bearing Interest.		Not Bearing Interest.		Total.		
	£	%	£	%	£		
June Quarter							
1932.....	16,939,770	77·63	4,881,337	22·37	21,821,107	17,913,525	82·09
1933.....	17,314,999	77·64	4,987,061	22·36	22,302,060	18,608,501	83·44
1934.....	17,785,796	76·10	5,586,432	23·90	23,372,228	18,625,748	79·69
1935.....	17,173,844	74·21	5,967,563	25·79	23,141,407	19,595,659	84·68
1936.....	17,012,925	72·60	6,421,975	27·40	23,434,900	19,240,000	82·10
1937.....	18,079,031	71·51	7,204,074	28·49	25,283,105	18,443,318	72·95
1938.....	18,559,625	73·47	6,701,860	26·53	25,261,485	19,306,744	76·43
1939.....	18,845,522	74·18	6,558,821	25·82	25,404,343	19,808,154	77·97
Dec. Quarter							
1938.....	18,778,332	74·17	6,540,265	25·83	25,318,597	19,559,847	77·25
1939.....	18,907,556	74·03	6,632,862	25·97	25,540,418	19,645,304	76·92

NOTE.—State and Commonwealth Banks, December Quarter, 1939. Advances, £2,677,384; Deposits, Bearing Interest, £1,689,134, Not Bearing Interest, £1,145,767; Total £2,834,901.

## 9. SAVINGS BANKS AND BANK CLEARINGS.

Period.	Savings Banks (State and Commonwealth).			Bank Clearings.	
	Accounts Open.	Deposits.	Per Head.	Total.	Weekly Average.
	No.	£	£ s. d.	£	£
1931-32 .....	572,051	21,566,825	37 6 2	100,419,134	1,919,426
1932-33 .....	584,004	22,515,288	38 15 1	108,566,658	2,079,464
1933-34 .....	595,524	23,437,505	40 3 8	115,558,007	2,214,061
1934-35 .....	579,995	24,184,988	41 7 1	124,254,209	2,385,660
1935-36 .....	622,609	25,308,586	43 1 10	136,851,967	2,592,203
1936-37 .....	645,211	26,505,941	45 0 6	151,281,047	2,900,357
1937-38 .....	657,799	27,243,643	45 19 11	158,944,202	3,039,755
1938-39 .....	669,675	27,397,007	45 19 9	153,932,144	2,952,870
October, 1938.....	662,929	27,483,325	46 6 6	13,266,042	3,085,124
1939.....	671,162	27,060,872	45 6 5	13,170,607	3,032,910
November, 1938.....	662,929	27,117,204	45 11 4	13,354,924	3,038,176
1939.....	671,686	27,060,492	45 6 5	14,574,755	3,378,186
December, 1938.....	661,626	27,146,494	45 12 4	14,669,985	3,564,055
1939.....	670,970	26,965,673	45 3 2	13,311,540	2,988,022

## 10. OVERSEA TRADE (DIRECT).

Period.	Exports.		Imports.	Excess Exports.
	£ Aus.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
1931-32 .....	12,264,227	9,772,000	2,821,538	6,950,462
1932-33 .....	12,802,189	10,242,000	3,760,324	6,481,676
1933-34 .....	12,718,325	10,175,000	3,679,412	6,495,588
1934-35 .....	11,834,784	9,468,000	3,965,808	5,502,192
1935-36 .....	15,381,124	12,305,000	5,419,960	6,885,040
1936-37 .....	16,748,140	13,399,000	5,438,429	7,960,571
1937-38 .....	19,057,243	15,246,000	7,473,802	7,772,198
1938-39 .....	14,841,507	11,873,000	5,851,043	6,021,957
October, 1938.....	1,993,748	1,595,000	545,783	1,049,217
1939.....	1,268,785	1,015,000	480,567	534,433
November, 1938.....	1,489,105	1,191,000	534,786	656,214
1939.....	1,684,787	1,348,000	542,315	805,685
December, 1938.....	1,309,358	1,048,000	446,254	601,746
1939.....	1,246,220	997,000	499,274	497,726
December Quarter, 1938.....	4,792,211	3,834,000	1,526,823	2,307,177
1939.....	4,199,792	3,360,000	1,522,156	1,837,844
July-December, 1938.....	8,261,641	6,609,000	3,062,902	3,546,098
1939.....	6,955,778	5,565,000	2,998,016	2,566,984

## 11.—OVERSEA EXPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Unit.	Year.				July-December.	
		1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1938.	1939.
Quantities—							
Barley .....	bush.	3,360,946	2,312,332	4,390,374	2,248,212	370,398	683,870
Flour .....	ton	60,137	58,590	68,231	86,678	41,411	39,120
Wheat .....	bush.	22,669,070	16,770,810	28,805,592	18,486,303	9,639,821	4,625,114
Butter .....	lb.	7,953,012	7,291,690	8,809,153	7,385,564	4,599,366	6,153,441
Cheese .....	lb.	3,898,651	7,289,309	10,109,467	12,907,683	8,196,081	9,160,458
Eggs in shell .....	doz.	3,456,050	2,745,480	1,225,550	1,395,540	1,394,730	1,351,950
Lamb .....	carcases	342,177	420,374	376,893	667,248	655,310	676,513
Wool (a) .....	lb.	75,847,402	70,875,617	68,008,006	87,272,802	50,421,680	31,303,412
Currants and raisins .....	lb.	27,504,426	25,108,567	38,507,866	42,692,777	12,462,683	6,898,955
Wine .....	gall.	3,427,516	3,679,365	3,478,450	3,440,509	1,978,391	2,623,442
Concentrates (Silver, etc.)	cwt.	3,749,405	2,393,740	3,171,943	4,077,760	1,404,688	1,410,945
Lead .....	cwt.	2,131,846	1,796,399	2,057,624	1,994,054	1,142,172	938,292
Values (Australian Currency)—							
Barley .....	£	358,533	432,079	746,661	279,311	57,147	81,130
Flour .....	£	422,899	558,675	617,446	498,396	257,551	229,895
Wheat .....	£	4,087,227	4,386,206	6,306,741	2,532,065	1,373,925	572,400
Butter .....	£	400,509	395,448	496,326	413,471	240,635	335,776
Cheese .....	£	80,851	166,122	294,136	372,776	239,560	267,107
Eggs in shell .....	£	165,892	140,542	68,441	75,915	75,847	69,990
Lamb .....	£	288,017	352,575	367,078	682,682	671,900	701,026
Wool .....	£	3,780,550	4,071,953	3,267,842	3,461,417	1,991,045	1,489,152
Currants and raisins .....	£	512,714	459,518	730,550	787,524	232,435	132,659
Wine .....	£	870,710	955,033	857,291	919,983	529,580	680,435
Concentrates (Silver, etc.)	£	531,685	737,060	684,856	553,410	259,545	232,013
Lead .....	£	1,759,672	2,080,903	1,992,168	1,846,630	1,083,920	949,333

(a) Including scoured converted to greasy.

## 12. OVERSEA IMPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Year.				July-December.	
	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1938.	1939.
<b>(British Currency.)</b>						
Apparel and attire .....	£ 61,419	£ 62,758	£ 78,970	£ 74,326	£ 36,811	£ 30,418
Bags and sacks .....	312,623	315,346	300,072	274,076	203,035	365,889
Fertilizers—Rock phosphates	129,773	129,015	131,000	138,981	66,480	69,268
Iron and steel .....	433,653	350,041	794,299	311,174	166,991	61,155
Machines and machinery ...	601,041	730,242	1,111,567	912,006	521,936	344,623
Motor bodies, chassis, etc. ..	375,010	373,703	515,185	354,923	169,130	139,989
Petrol, etc.....	417,979	421,437	562,893	495,219	200,136	244,598
Kerosene.....	68,194	62,706	124,132	66,751	27,244	42,203
Other oils in bulk .....	180,426	165,611	249,986	245,930	106,942	139,638
Paper .....	195,972	269,392	224,787	234,798	101,385	105,442
Stationery, books, etc.....	111,022	109,701	131,959	147,968	64,670	164,236
Tea .....	111,940	121,758	113,900	108,425	68,883	67,547
Textiles, piecegoods, etc. ...	610,588	612,363	733,714	600,050	323,204	299,634
Timber .....	274,150	175,886	526,309	294,297	139,170	163,559

## 13.—RAILWAYS (SUMMARY).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses. <i>a.</i>	Train Miles Run.	Passengers Carried.	Goods and Livestock.	Passenger Mileage.
	£	£	No.	No.	Tons.	1,000m.
Year 1931-32..	2,757,123	1,921,744	4,914,265	15,608,384	2,430,226	166,409
1932-33..	2,744,741	1,894,477	4,909,588	16,074,121	2,401,070	172,106
1933-34..	2,570,837	1,937,913	4,930,271	16,325,004	2,154,639	175,559
1934-35..	2,669,470	2,023,918	5,080,319	16,660,213	2,346,736	177,655
1935-36..	2,890,710	2,193,457	5,462,146	17,430,674	2,481,568	189,061
1936-37..	3,021,662	2,331,334	5,606,353	17,776,629	2,400,423	205,329
1937-38..	3,299,084	2,612,562	6,111,121	17,632,125	2,897,351	200,144
1938-39..	3,133,373	2,675,299	6,177,407	17,528,651	2,661,168	212,982
Sept., 1938....	277,396	227,704	544,345	1,685,594	233,565	19,487
1939....	253,184	214,089	503,500	1,701,852	206,128	20,160
Oct., 1938....	284,843	225,553	507,287	1,496,722	196,364	15,575
1939....	258,406	219,078	513,057	1,416,368	226,993	15,627
Nov., 1938....	251,370	228,359	497,774	1,196,401	201,771	12,758
1939....	264,415	233,477	489,415	1,172,608	221,290	12,730
July-November, 1938 .....	1,321,299	1,125,193	2,589,437	6,943,404	1,069,987	77,839
1939 .....	1,228,354	1,107,397	2,499,951	6,852,868	1,016,590	78,136

*a* Excluding pensions and capital charges.

## 14.—RAILWAYS (TON-MILEAGES).

Period.	Gross Ton Mileage.					Net Ton Mileage (Revenue).
	Passenger.	Freight.	Mixed.	Departmental.	Total.	
Year—	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.
1931-32 .....	262,756	681,354	25,997	15,482	985,589	287,654
1932-33 .....	276,764	685,430	24,585	22,429	1,009,208	283,604
1933-34 .....	292,016	677,057	21,649	19,034	1,009,756	265,720
1934-35 .....	313,338	713,036	22,416	15,638	1,064,428	281,109
1935-36 .....	355,657	800,899	20,404	17,599	1,194,559	312,839
1936-37 .....	405,689	823,513	24,132	25,112	1,278,446	314,515
1937-38 .....	421,956	950,375	27,297	33,909	1,433,537	365,066
1938-39 .....	421,187	951,051	25,840	31,844	1,429,922	348,614
Sept., 1938....	38,501	91,453	2,324	3,004	135,282	32,944
1939....	38,811	75,057	2,334	3,840	120,042	28,265
Oct., 1938....	32,287	85,853	1,700	2,095	121,935	28,378
1939....	33,293	83,131	2,249	2,215	120,888	29,517
Nov., 1938 ....	30,680	80,065	1,791	2,496	115,032	27,019
1939 ....	32,121	75,077	5,002	2,087	114,287	26,104
July-November, 1938 .....	168,268	418,643	10,087	10,904	607,902	147,273
1939 .....	169,192	375,745	13,736	11,743	570,415	135,845



### 15.—TRAMWAYS (DAILY AVERAGES).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Passenger Journeys.	Tram Miles.	Elec- tricity.
	£	No.	No.	A.C. Units.
Year ended July, 1932.....	1,802	132,424	20,054	69,928
1933.....	1,762	131,929	20,203	71,926
1934.....	1,720	128,820	20,224	71,751
1935.....	1,752	131,830	20,404	72,298
1936.....	1,841	138,317	21,705	76,201
1937.....	1,916	142,689	22,087	77,209
1938.....	1,897	141,572	22,716	81,081
1939.....	1,948	144,948	23,869	87,084
2nd October to 29th October, 1938 ....	1,894	140,291	23,580	86,380
1st October to 28th October, 1939 ....	1,922	141,162	24,245	86,541
30th October to 26th November, 1938 .	1,912	142,014	23,579	87,739
29th October to 25th November, 1939 .	1,909	140,692	24,046	85,906

### 16.—MOTOR REGISTRATIONS.

Period.	Cars.		Commercial Vehicles.		Cycles.	
	1938.	1939.	1938.	1939.	1938.	1939.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>New Vehicles—</b>						
October .....	427	353	198	168	78	61
November.....	408	372	220	167	69	41
December .....	525	371	203	141	63	46
December Quarter.....	1,360	1,096	621	476	210	148
January-December ....	5,406	4,730	2,400	1,927	851	706
<b>Second-hand Vehicles—</b>						
October .....	1,211	1,013	451	411	519	470
November.....	1,197	1,113	442	445	490	461
December .....	1,322	1,213	447	416	496	512
December Quarter ....	3,730	3,339	1,340	1,272	1,505	1,443
January-December ....	14,038	13,164	5,517	5,291	5,712	5,184
<b>Renewals—</b>						
December Quarter .....	11,847	13,597	4,453	5,276	2,056	2,402
January-December ....	59,485	61,017	22,733	24,640	9,238	9,841
<b>Cancellations—</b>						
December Quarter .....	2,969	2,586	1,001	844	873	675
January-December ....	12,499	11,302	3,772	3,681	3,536	3,076
<b>Expirations—</b>						
December Quarter .....	11,172	13,998	4,429	5,515	2,810	3,016
January-December ....	61,994	68,801	23,621	27,422	12,854	13,376

## 17.—MOTORS, TELEPHONES, WIRELESS.

Period.	Motor Vehicles in use (a).				Telephone Connections.		Wireless Licences.	
	Cars.	Com- mercial Vehicles.	Cycles.	Total.	New.	Exist- ing (a).	New.	Exist- ing (a).
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year ended Dec., 1931 ..	45,140	12,139	10,045	67,324	2,869	49,276	10,186	32,075
1932 ..	46,558	12,638	9,736	68,932	3,100	48,608	15,646	43,268
1933 ..	46,413	14,197	10,455	71,065	3,605	48,528	17,903	55,639
1934 ..	48,939	17,267	10,470	76,676	4,882	49,802	21,911	72,337
1935 ..	49,496	17,157	10,741	77,394	5,048	51,516	17,407	81,629
1936 ..	53,728	19,415	11,110	84,253	5,501	53,875	19,867	93,881
1937 ..	56,101	21,728	11,802	88,631	5,727	56,517	20,293	105,045
1938 ..	60,537	24,985	10,213	95,735	6,095	58,960	20,568	115,571
1939 ..	59,345	25,740	9,492	94,577	5,449	61,565	16,460	120,584
October, 1938 .....	58,151	23,939	9,920	92,010	462	58,513	1,166	114,581
1939 .....	57,398	25,055	9,121	91,574	438	61,157	1,387	119,816
November, 1938 .....	58,908	24,483	9,954	93,345	522	58,764	1,089	115,038
1939 .....	58,171	25,393	9,233	92,797	517	61,370	1,323	120,667
December, 1938 .....	60,537	24,985	10,213	95,735	492	58,960	1,808	115,571
1939 .....	59,345	25,740	9,492	94,577	376	61,565	1,177	120,584

(a) At end of period stated.

## 18.—PRICES (MEAN) ADELAIDE WHOLESALE.

Period.	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Hay.	Bullocks.	Merino Wethers	Lambs.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Tons.	Prime.	Prime.	Prime.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
October, 1938 .....	2 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 2	2 15 9	13 0 0	13 9	21 0
1939 .....	2 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 10	2 0 0	10 16 3	17 9	19 0
November, 1938 .....	2 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 8	2 16 3	12 10 0	13 0	20 3
1939 .....	a	a	1 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 17 6	10 14 0	14 9	19 0
December, 1935 .....	3 4 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 10	1 10	1 17 6	9 16 3	18 9	17 3
1936 .....	5 1	4 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 10 0	8 17 6	21 9	21 0
1937 .....	4 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 4	2 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 2 9	10 16 3	20 9	20 9
1938 .....	2 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 9	2 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 15 0	11 6 3	13 0	18 6
1939 .....	a	a	1 3	1 16 0	10 16 9	17 6	19 0

a No quotations.

## 19.—WOOL SALES.

Period.	Greasy and Scoured.		Amount Realized.	Price per Lb. Greasy.	In Store end Period.
	Bales.	Lb.	£	d.	Bales.
Year, 1931-32 .....	197,954	64,158,321	1,847,946	6-88	14,065
1932-33 .....	262,058	84,832,832	2,604,950	7-32	4,212
1933-34 .....	245,311	76,580,369	4,479,165	13-96	20,045
1934-35 .....	272,724	86,383,700	2,959,314	8-14	4,815
1935-36 .....	263,280	83,102,553	4,151,115	11-92	5,029
1936-37 .....	257,300	80,350,616	4,601,851	13-66	4,040
1937-38 .....	273,056	85,165,647	4,018,205	11-28	13,913
1938-39 .....	325,854	100,982,688	3,842,380	9-10	7,192

1939-40 Wool sales have been cancelled owing to purchase of wool by British Government.

## 20.—PRICES—RETAIL ADELAIDE.

Period.	Bread, 2lb.	Flour, 2lb.	Tea, lb.	Milk, Quart.	Butter (Fac- tory), lb.	Eggs, Doz.	Potatoes 7lb.	Beef Ribs, lb.	Mutton Leg, lb.
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
October, 1938 .....	4-50	3-10	27-50	5-85	18-55	13-65	14-29	8-30	7-95
1939 .....	5-50	4-65	29-95	5-85	19-00	12-15	21-33	7-45	7-45
November, 1938 ....	4-50	3-00	27-85	5-85	19-50	12-80	14-21	7-90	7-85
1939 ...	5-50	4-65	30-45	5-85	19-05	11-70	16-00	7-25	7-40
December, 1935 ...	4-95	a44-90	27-40	5-60	17-00	8-95	b14-75	5-95	6-70
1936 ...	5-00	4-20	27-80	5-95	17-10	13-10	13-71	5-80	7-50
1937 ...	5-00	4-35	27-85	5-85	19-00	14-25	7-86	6-25	7-85
1938 ...	5-50	4-50	27-85	5-85	19-50	12-50	12-79	7-75	7-85
1939 ...	5-50	4-60	30-75	5-85	19-10	12-50	11-68	7-35	7-65

a For 25lb. b For 14lb.

## 21.—PRICE INDEX FIGURES (ADELAIDE).

Base. Six capitals 1923-1927 = 1,000.

Item.	October.		November.		December.	
	1938.	1939.	1938.	1939.	1938.	1939.
Food and groceries .....	862	902	860	883	878	878
	Year.				December Quarter.	
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1938.	1939.
Food and groceries .....	798	826	861	897	866	888
Housing (four and five rooms) .....	795	832	868	—	878	—
Food, groceries, and housing.....	796	826	862	—	869	—
All items (a) .....	839	859	888	906	893	906

(a) "All items"; food, groceries, housing (four and five rooms), clothing, and miscellaneous expenditure.

## 22.—BUILDING PERMITS (METROPOLITAN AREA).

Period.	Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		Additions.	Total Value (Ex. Govt.)	Value (Govt.)
	No.	£	No.	£			
Year, 1931.....	45	28,952	48	163,334	107,938	300,224	23,000
1932.....	110	91,508	65	72,294	125,780	289,582	98,909
1933.....	203	166,862	69	195,686	179,273	541,821	144,000
1934.....	385	321,202	102	266,061	221,369	808,632	44,161
1935.....	685	616,133	197	416,834	270,190	1,303,157	141,169
1936.....	917	714,923	194	236,522	270,707	1,231,152	351,301
1937.....	1,308	1,039,036	195	430,414	319,963	1,789,413	77,671
1938.....	1,562	1,139,906	196	496,305	395,270	2,031,481	203,650
1939.....	1,537	1,128,933	186	904,480	348,824	2,382,237	163,904
October, 1938.....	118	95,043	7	9,673	36,320	141,036	4,243
1939.....	137	100,099	10	209,194	24,777	334,070	17,592
November, 1938.....	124	94,775	18	29,134	32,383	156,292	1,862
1939.....	123	96,598	9	11,390	20,507	128,495	28,078
December, 1938.....	129	82,352	9	57,443	13,914	153,709	6,636
1939.....	95	75,602	4	6,030	10,075	91,707	14,603
December Quarter, 1938.....	371	272,170	34	96,250	82,617	451,037	12,741
1939.....	355	272,299	23	226,614	55,359	554,272	60,273



**23.—SALES TAX.**

Approximate Amount of Sales by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.

Year.	Taxable Goods.				Taxable and Exempt Goods.			
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total Year.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total Year.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1932.....	1,056	943	927	11,159	2,360	2,417	2,395	26,577
1933.....	880	892	872	10,377	2,007	2,231	2,303	26,197
1934.....	823	945	927	10,014	1,932	3,595	2,179	26,243
1935.....	1,008	1,058	1,038	11,124	2,377	2,570	2,611	28,414
1936.....	1,045	1,006	1,015	11,909	2,461	2,564	2,731	29,901
1937.....	1,149	1,146	1,285	12,587	3,101	3,022	3,473	35,696
1938.....	1,078	1,146	1,113	12,685	3,077	2,972	3,652	36,968
1939.....	1,169	1,213	900	12,330	3,236	3,723	2,675	35,562

Numerous commodities were exempted from tax as from 1st September, 1932, 26th October, 1933, 1st August, 1934, 25th October, 1935, 26th September, 1936, and 13th December, 1938. Consequently many traders dealing exclusively in exempt goods ceased to supply returns and the proportion of wholesale trade covered by the records has been progressively reduced. The figures above cannot be compared without allowance for this fact.

**24.—COMPANIES, MORTGAGES, ETC.**

Period.	Companies Registered.		Mortgages Registered—Real Estates.		Land Transferred.
	Companies.	Authorized Capital.	Loans.	Discharges.	
	No.	£	£	£	£
Year 1931.....	122	2,067,785	7,764,757	2,249,076	6,355,100
1932.....	115	2,119,500	4,389,999	2,500,727	4,574,025
1933.....	156	2,200,980	4,013,037	2,778,376	4,849,176
1934.....	139	2,335,485	4,060,222	3,769,315	5,708,100
1935.....	150	3,705,132	5,102,905	3,715,313	7,036,500
1936.....	99	1,488,200	5,993,845	4,076,106	8,368,200
1937.....	157	3,939,900	7,044,973	4,798,819	9,773,250
1938.....	139	2,630,225	7,224,649	5,343,113	10,648,900
1939.....	149	3,625,928	5,807,137	4,229,509	8,226,650
October, 1938.....	9	428,125	591,386	349,719	625,700
1939.....	8	102,100	449,170	352,145	597,000
November, 1938.....	14	479,000	687,766	355,820	709,300
1939.....	12	92,000	415,758	407,953	601,500
December, 1938.....	15	349,000	416,941	216,242	624,000
1939.....	11	116,450	292,972	229,954	585,700
December Quarter, 1938 ..	38	1,256,125	1,696,093	921,781	1,959,000
1939 ..	31	310,550	1,157,900	990,052	1,784,200

## 25.—BANKRUPTCY (Sequestrations, Deeds, Schemes, Etc.).

Period.		Primary Producers.	Total.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Excess Liabilities.
		No.	No.	£	£	£
Year	1931.....	456	996	1,491,178	1,101,919	389,259
	1932.....	316	654	1,341,620	961,257	380,363
	1933.....	282	570	1,339,435	1,061,860	277,575
	1934.....	373	626	1,484,031	1,017,972	466,059
	1935.....	357	597	1,376,855	753,528	623,327
	1936.....	342	551	1,964,627	1,420,209	544,418
	1937.....	227	468	1,547,794	1,143,739	404,055
	1938.....	245	461	1,526,833	1,070,393	456,440
	1939.....	344	630	1,909,887	1,283,966	625,921
October, 1938.....		10	20	69,355	47,662	21,693
1939.....		2	24	26,016	15,587	10,429
November, 1938 .....		10	34	79,086	40,243	38,843
1939 .....		7	34	44,000	47,179	—3,179
December, 1938 .....		4	20	34,518	21,526	12,992
1939 .....		6	26	31,943	10,232	21,711
December Quarter, 1938 ..		24	74	182,959	109,431	73,528
1939 ..		15	84	101,959	72,998	28,961

NOTE.—For 1931 and portion of 1932, liabilities and assets of compositions are not included.

## 26.—BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION.

Period.	Butter (lb.).			Cheese (lb.).		
	1937.	1938.	1939.	1937.	1938.	1939.
In Factories.						
October.....	2,672,486	2,210,197	2,473,023	2,103,369	3,006,940	2,956,467
November ....	2,033,700	1,795,695	2,059,464	1,871,109	2,416,864	2,768,476
December ....	1,810,579	1,595,997	1,992,950	1,606,989	1,851,114	2,403,851
July-December	11,605,760	10,900,292	12,527,644	9,035,337	12,340,761	14,123,753
Year.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
In Factories ..	17,131,365	18,922,496	17,431,270	12,164,717	15,516,879	18,462,652
On Farms ....	3,761,004	3,505,802	3,162,953	102	—	300
Total ....	20,892,369	22,428,298	20,594,223	12,164,819	15,516,879	18,462,952

## 27.—SLAUGHTERINGS AT METROPOLITAN ABATTOIRS (for home consumption).

Period.	Bullocks.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Lambs.	Pigs.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
October-December, 1938....	7,298	7,087	12,361	80,696	97,692	9,229
1939....	7,662	6,408	10,978	82,643	90,783	9,329
January-December, 1936....	33,280	21,138	45,710	295,910	287,665	43,216
1937....	35,734	24,007	45,635	291,487	285,019	40,183
1938....	30,562	27,136	45,080	306,068	327,543	31,443
1939....	28,216	26,240	42,156	327,660	341,073	29,602

## 28.—ELECTRICITY.

Sales by Adelaide Electric Supply Co., Ltd. (In British Units).

Year Ended November.				Quarter Ended November.	
1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
58,081,989	66,894,123	77,193,245	90,403,543	27,042,227	32,520,725
1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1938.	1939.
104,510,754	123,347,106	132,337,978	142,853,960	34,263,464	37,279,710

## 29.—GAS AND ELECTRICITY OUTPUT.

1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
Gas (1,000 cubic feet).					
1,120,686	1,066,471	1,082,217	1,090,249	1,119,278	1,154,878
Electricity (British Units).					
148,348,374	165,597,746	176,433,857	200,488,220	223,925,107	240,902,861

# 30.—LATEST PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND MISCELLANEOUS DATA NOT ELSEWHERE INCLUDED.

Item.	Unit.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
Wheat.....	acres	2,989,490	3,058,457	3,161,739	3,080,401	62,800,000
	bush.	31,615,744	28,714,653	43,428,423	31,674,418	635,000,000
	average	10-58	9-39	13-73	10-28	612-50
Barley.....	acres	393,741	304,559	411,288	457,039	6510,000
	bush.	6,493,983	4,260,462	8,647,043	7,541,090	69,250,000
	average	16-49	13-99	21-02	16-50	618-14
Oats.....	acres	299,771	414,723	332,434	266,842	6360,000
	bush.	2,380,908	2,363,806	2,960,944	2,401,128	63,500,000
	average	7-94	5-70	8-91	9-00	69-72
Hay.....	acres	566,064	539,127	562,057	519,309	6530,000
	tons	586,658	501,003	687,312	585,554	6605,000
	average	1-04	0-93	1-22	1-13	61-14
Manures used						
Crops ....	tons	147,854	161,654	176,351	179,118	—
Pastures ..	tons	26,739	46,399	51,196	56,325	—
Cattle .....	No.	335,354	328,013	324,163	318,897	—
Horses .....	No.	197,368	200,870	197,334	195,834	—
Sheep .....	No.	7,945,745	7,905,112	8,904,402	9,936,586	610,200,000
Pigs .....	No.	93,458	85,048	66,647	71,292	—
Sheep Shorn ..	No.	8,091,682	7,940,476	8,654,764	9,942,135	—
Wool Clip ...	lb.	70,912,985	66,743,386	74,893,269	88,345,467	695,000,000
Wool Prodn. (a)	lb.	81,709,440	76,604,296	86,606,388	102,888,121	6110,000,000
Ewes Mated ..	No.	3,408,758	3,519,568	3,662,227	4,202,848	64,400,000
Lambs Marked	No.	2,049,514	2,079,426	2,476,804	3,077,634	63,075,000
Wine—						
Beverage...	gall.	7,745,622	7,434,170	6,928,378	6,045,301	—
Distillation	gall.	5,277,965	7,592,332	8,960,500	5,101,745	—
Total ...	gall.	13,023,587	15,026,502	15,888,878	11,147,046	—
Currants ....	cwt.	117,415	161,858	187,332	191,381	—
Raisins .....	cwt.	210,166	227,631	332,178	233,138	—
Apples .....	bush.	939,240	841,504	1,275,486	808,020	6750,000
Oranges.....	bush.	645,291	654,889	802,255	815,460	6900,000
Factories						
Establishments	No.	1,895	1,916	1,980	62,070	—
Hands ...	No.	38,471	40,710	44,084	642,800	—
Wages, etc.	£	6,694,151	7,518,239	8,412,975	68,500,000	—
Output ...	£	31,904,091	34,528,176	36,239,937	635,000,000	—
Production						
Value...	£	11,669,705	12,271,563	13,820,155	613,700,000	—
Life Assurance						
New Policies	No.	44,732	48,800	54,205	50,057	—
	£	4,579,921	5,395,553	6,255,724	6,035,238	—

a Including wool on skins.

b Estimated—Cereals probably under-estimated.